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The Profits of Feeding or Fattening Animals on Corn.

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With this warning we proceed in the line of thought that we started out on, which is that the profits of feeding or fattening animals depends on our corn crop. The farmer who has not learned that the most profitable way to market his corn is by turning if into meat, is way behind the times, and should make it a point to catch up with the procession at once. And yet, important as a good corn crop is to the profits of a farm, there is an astonishing amount of failure to grow as much corn as might be grown if there was universally more care taken with the crop. In the first place, a great deal of our corn land is not fit for the purpose. Most of our prairie land is wet, and wet land is no land for corn. It is late in getting in condition in the spring, and hence the crop is retarded in its growth, and by the time it gets well under way drought is liable to come, and the result is failure. Every year that the owner of such land fails to drain it he invites disaster to his crop, and will probably grow but a partial crop. There is no step that the owner of low, wet ground can take that will pay him so well as to proceed to drain such land. As some one has remarked, while a mortgage upon the farm is usually to be deplored, it is better to mortgage the farm to procure tile than it is to let land that needs draining remain undrained.

Our next cause of failure is poor seed, and very much of that is the result of carelessness in saving. Many a man pays no attention at all to his seed. He gathers his corn and when he gets ready to plant he goes to the crib and selects his seed corn; and if such corn grows the farmer ought to be disappointed instead of being disappointed if it does not grow. The life germ of the corn is created while the corn is soft, and it is pretty likely to get injured if it is permitted to remain on the stalk until after the frost attacks it, though we observe that the Secretary of one of our State Agricultural Societies has sent out a notice that corn intended for seed should be permitted to remain on the stalk until the stalk has been killed by the frost. If the people of his State follow that advice, by letting the corn remain until the frost is heavy enough to penetrate the husks, they will have abundant reason to make it lively in his office whenever they shall go to it after corn-planting next spring. At least there is a strong probability in that direction. Seed corn, as has been stated over and over again by the vast majority of practical writers, should be selected while the corn is yet standing in the field and before the frosts have killed the stalks. Take off the ears and hang them in a cool dry place and where they may have the benefit of smoke. The heat from the fire will help to dry the corn and the smoke furnishes something of a protection. Under no consideration throw the corn into a heap or place it where it will not dry. We need not say that such ears as you desire to produce should be selected, for always remember the general rule is that like produce like.

A correspondent writes that he would like a method to save seed corn in the crib in large quantities. He finds difficulty. Of course the reason that the corn spoils is that it does not dry. If all the corn was saved as we have advised seed corn to be saved, it would not spoil. Is there not then a practical way to treat corn upon a large scale pretty much as we would treat seed corn on a smaller scale? We think there is. Construct a crib wholly of slats, sides and bottom. Construct a simple furnace outside, and conduct the smoke and heat through a pipe underneath the crib. In this way both heat and smoke will go through the crib, drying and smoking the corn. Corn that is heat dried will never spoil. It can not spoil, and if the plan that we suggest here can be made perfect enough to thoroughly dry the corn, it will be absolutely safe. — *Western Rural.*

—To make a gentle milker, a calf should be trained from the time it is two months old. It should be rubbed out and stroked and petted. Its teats and udder should be handled frequently from the beginning. Thus when the animal is ready to become a cow it will be familiar with the motions of milking.—*Exchange.*

ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS.

A Pretty and Profitable Employment for Women of Refinement.

As a reporter was passing a shop on the West Side he happened to glance through the window, and his attention was arrested by the proceedings of a young and pretty girl inside. She had a frame before her, around which she deftly twined moss and small green leaves, and then, as she stepped back to see the effect of her work, tied white roses neatly in the corners. Entering the shop, the proprietor was found working up to his elbows in a mass of pretty flowers and leaves. The reporter ventured to say that it was a pity to use such delicate buds so roughly, and the man looked up and said, as he laughed: "Why, these are not real flowers; they're only artificial. There, you may crush up that rosebud as much as you like, but you won't do it much harm. These are not the kind that crumple and decay, as the poet says, though what poet I can't for the life of me say. What's that young woman doing? Why she's making a "Gates Ajar" for a funeral party, and as its got to be delivered to-night, she will have to work pretty smart to get through in good time. Artificial flower making is quite a new industry in Chicago, but judging from the way it has already taken root I think it will soon be very flourishing. It is purely an exotic, imported from Paris, where there are vast establishments devoted to nothing else but the manufacture of flowers and leaves gathered from every quarter of the globe. These," pointing to a row of large green leaves, which were marked irregularly by bars of the most brilliant scarlet imaginable—"these are plants which you would think exaggerated in their coloring. The people of Paris thought so when they were first introduced; but they know now that they are merely exact imitations of the Mexican begonia. Imitations of all your rarest American flowers are now to be found in the drawing-rooms of Paris, side by side with the orchids gathered in Borneo, or perhaps along the almost unexplored headwaters of the Orinoco. I myself learned the art of making artificial flowers in the French capital, and I think I am the only person in this country who has done so; and, so far as that goes, I don't think that even in New York there is a firm that makes flowers from the stem to the bud as we do over here in Chicago. I have three French girls that I brought here with me and half a dozen Chicago girls. The latter I took in hand to train a little over three months ago, and already they are doing very well, making up good leaves and the simpler flowers, such as these snowballs. The most laborious flowers to imitate are rosebuds, calla lilies, heliotropes, lilies of the valley and lilacs. Look at this lilac, and you will see that the little dots of yellow seed have to be put in each separately by a process which is a secret of the trade, and that every minute stem has to be covered with silk just exactly the hue of the stems of the natural flower. Perhaps the pond lily, which has an open calyx, is the easiest of all flowers to imitate. Our flowers are not copied from paintings, but directly from nature. Whenever, for instance, I see a rose that strikes me, I buy it and set to work at it imitating it. There are men in France who do this so skillfully that they are fully entitled to be called artists; for to the most delicate appreciation of nature they unite the most delicate manual power of copying nature's handiwork."

"How much can your young women make a week at this industry?" the reporter asked.

"We require well-educated young women, and prefer those who have had an elementary art education. My best helpers make ten dollars, and the apprentices, so to speak, average from three dollars to seven dollars a week. Artificial flower making is peculiarly suited for women of refinement, and when the industry spreads in the West, as it certainly will, it will furnish employment for many thousands who are not accustomed to hard work and yet feel compelled to something to support themselves."

"What are artificial flowers most employed for?"

"Of course for household decoration and ornament. Here, for instance, is a large palm which we have just made for the Chicago Opera House. You would think that the leaves were made of India-rubber, but they are simply French muslin peculiarly sized and prepared. There is a growing demand for artificial flowers for funeral purposes. At this season of the year natural flowers are about as cheap as artificial flowers, but in the winter the artificial flowers are almost fifty per cent. cheaper. Then, these flowers, which can not be told from natural flowers at a distance of three feet, have the advantage of being practically everlasting. You are aware that in the case of death many people love to have certain devices in natural flowers preserved in memory of the dead. The process of preservation is a most expensive and laborious one, as each spray and petal has to be covered with wax. What does this result in? Simply that natural flowers are turned into wax-flowers. These wax-flowers are subject to the ordinary vicissitudes of heat, and in a hot room or when accidentally exposed to the sun will melt away just like a candle. No such accidents can ever happen to artificial flowers, and we can work them in any design that a person wants. By the way, in the case of large artificial ferns, begonias, palms, or choux, or cabbage plants, a late invention has enabled them to be restored perfectly by a brief exposure to strong heat. Thus," here the operator took out of a corner a large-leaved calladium, "here is a plant that is covered with dust. I hold it up to the gas—thus, See! Here the dust has become thoroughly absorbed, and the plant looks as fresh as it did when it left the maker's hands. This process of renewing is exceedingly ingenious, and is another secret of the craft of Parisian flower-makers."

"What materials do you use for your flowers?"

"For the coarser kind we use imported French muslin, and for the finer imported French cambrics woven almost as closely as superior linen. All the linen is specially made in France, and in France only; and, what with import duties and original cost, it becomes pretty expensive by the time we get it here. If it were not for this we could afford to undersell the natural-flower dealers very considerably. As it is, we sell large crosses of white roses, lilies of the valley, tuberoses or white lilacs for five dollars; wreaths for the same price; "gates ajar," such as that young woman there is building up, for ten, fifteen or twenty dollars, but I have received orders for special designs which cost as high as one hundred and forty dollars."—*Chicago Tribune.*

CHAIR ETIQUETTE.

Their Arrangement a Matter of Great Importance to Callers.

Where do people wish to sit down when they make a call? Near their hostess. What arrangement suits a small company who might prove congenial friends if they had any opportunity really to discover each other? Near together, not at points, equally distant from a common center. Shall an affectionate family sit Indian fash on round the edges of their homes, each in his own fixed place? The result is certain to be Indian silence and monotony. Put down in black and white such questions seem too frivolous for consideration, but in fact they arise daily in multitudes of homes. Chairs being to sit in, it follows that the use for which the room is intended is the first question to be asked. The parlor, which, in most families, is the quiet corner where a guest may spend an uninterrupted half hour during a social call, needs some easy chair, lest the wearied visitor never comes again; but it needs still more, light chairs—and more than one—that can easily be moved about. Whether the easy chairs are cane seat rockers or plush divans, the position can not readily be changed, while the light chair that can be taken in the hand and carried from one corner to the other, will furnish the opportunity for sociability two or three times in a single call, perhaps. It must be a chair that can be carried; it is not enough that it roll on castors, for it is still clumsy and heavy, and the effort necessary to alter its position will often prevent the change altogether.

This is not all the battle, however. The original arrangements of the furniture is like the disposition of troops. It is here that the hostess shows her knowledge of human nature and her experience of society. A clever woman, to whom the great world was a second nature, once said on this point that she always observed how the chairs were left in a drawing room where several people had been sitting and put them in the same position next time. This is the secret of success with chairs. Dispose them so that persons who fall into them shall sit down in the places most natural and satisfactory. Arrange a group of chairs near the door, where the casual caller will drop into one and the hostess into another and without realizing the fact that they are sitting near together will yet be placed in the best possible position for a little conversation. If it is a large drawing room, constantly used by a number of people, multiply these groups of seats, not in ridiculous æsthetic situations, with the sofas at right angles to the room, but conveniently and naturally. Sit down in the chairs, if necessary, and see in what position you would like to find your neighbor. If you remember that the chairs are to sit in, not to look at, not even to give color, you will place them as people will wish to find them, and without knowing why your drawing room will often be full of people and its reputation will go abroad.—*Good Housekeeping.*

THE AMERICAN ELBOW.

The Extraordinary Vivacity of an American Girl's Elbow.

Many of the guests at Beatrice's wedding were Americans. I always know them by the jerkiness of their movements and their eager restlessness of expression. When the fair American acquires repose (and she sometimes does) she is charming. But as a rule she is so impetuously impulsive that one is always kept on the *qui vive* expecting her to go off like a champagne cork, but without the least warning. Such nodding of little plumed and flowered bonnets there was! Such rakish little hats, with brims curled and bent, and alternately flattened and uplifted. One little specimen was precisely the shape of the small trees in the children's Noah's arks. You can fancy the lower branches of one of these very stiff little sticky trees raised at one side, can you not? Well, then, in your imagination you can trim it with a garland of pink flowers, and put it on a pretty little head that keeps bobbing up and down like a cork in a swift river current. Have you ever observed how much vivacity there is, too, in American elbows? They are full of expression, I can assure you, and the American "nudge," when received in thorough earnest, is something to be remembered. I have an American friend whom I love and admire, but I have had to entreat of her rather to knock me down than to "nudge" me, as she calls the violent exercise wherewith she has been wont to attract my attention. The verb is a feeble and futile expression of the thing itself. Were she to bestow one of her nudges, in mistake, upon a stranger, that astonished individual would certainly give her in charge for assault and battery.—*London Truth.*

—The assessed value of property in California is $700,545,865. Of this $560,428,833 is real estate. San Francisco contains nearly one-third of the assessed value of California. Alameda County, which contains the city of Oakland, is the next county in wealth after San Francisco. St. Joaquin is third, Santa Clara fourth and Los Angeles fifth. Sacramento is dropping down on the list, her valuation being but little more than that of Sonoma or Colusa. The progress of Los Angeles in wealth has been more rapid during the last five years than that of any other county in the State.—*San Francisco Call.*

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H. H. GRANICE ---------- EDITOR

SONOMA, JANUARY 2, 1886.

JUST RECOGNITION LONG DELAYED.

We see by synopsis of proceedings of the United States Senate that Senator Macy presented, on Monday of last week, in that body a memorial from the "Mexican War Veterans' Association," asking Congress to pass a bill for the pensioning of the soldiers of the Mexican War. There are but few now living of the 100,000 men who entered the service of their country in Mexico in 1846 (forty years ago) to "conquer a peace with Mexico," and end the predatory warfare that had been carried on upon the Texas border for a period of ten or twelve years, and whose prowess, untiring energy and unexampled tenacity in asserting and defending their country's honor and rights wrung from Mexico a treaty of peace and amity and the surrender to our Government of the vast territory embraced in New Mexico, Utah, Nevada, California and Arizona, comprising the richest and fairest portion of our national domain. The failure of Congress to provide for the support of the brave men whose sacrifices of blood on many gory fields, in a foreign land, while valiently maintaining their country's honor and rights is unjust and inconsistant with the policy of the Government and the custom prevailing in all civilized countries. There are but few of them now left among us, and most of those have reached, or are on the verge of three-score-and-ten-years of age, the biblical time allowed for man to live, and few of them indeed are overly well off in worldly wealth, and many actually need the moiety usually paid to men who have spent the best of their manhood's days in the service of their country when the country most needed their service. We know of several such men here, in Sonoma Valley, who have passed their seventieth anniversary, while others are but a few years younger, who feel the need of even a few dollars per month to smooth their way down the path of life by saving them from the stinging pains of poverty and relieving them of the laborious exertions they have to constantly make to provide food and raiment for themselves and families. Our country is rich and amply able to make provision for the comfort of those who have served it upon the tented field in past wars, and it should not verify by its policy of non-action in these matters the trite old aphorism, that "Republics are ungrateful." The achievements of our soldiers in Mexico, brought about the acquisition of California, Nevada and other rich mining regions of this coast, the products of the mines of which relieved the country of financial embarrassment in the time of our late Civil War, and many think saved the Government from actual bankruptcy, and now, with our boasted wealth and the reputation we have of feeding the hungry millions of the Old World from our vast granaries we should not be so nearly bankrupt in the principles of justice as to refuse to provide for the faithful old soldiers in their declining years.

REPEAL IT.

A petition, signed by most of the business men and farmers of Sonoma and vicinity, praying for the repeal of the ordinance imposing a license on insurance companies, will be presented to the Board of Supervisors on Monday next. As the object of the ordinance—the taxing of the insurance companies—has failed in its purpose, there ought to be no hesitancy on the part of the Supervisors in granting the prayer of the petitioners. The Insurance Union has said that this tax must come out of its policy holders and it certainly will if the ordinance be not repealed.

GEN. BEAUREGARD will give a history of the Shiloh Campaign in the January number of the North American Review. He claims that Gen. Algernon Sydney Johnson acted only as a corps commander at Shiloh. Gen. Beauregard emphatically asserts (contrary to the common belief) that he was sole commander on both days, and, without naming them, controverts the reports of Grant and Sherman as to the nation's forces being taken by surprise.

NEW YEAR'S MEDITATIONS.

Old '85 we bid you adieu, and what different emotions well up in the breast of the human family as we drop your hand to seize the extended palm of the infant '86.

To some of us '85 has brought little else than continued prosperity and enjoyment—fortune has favored our business schemes, while scarcely a ripple has disturbed the surface of our sea of social happiness; pleasures without stint have surrounded us on every side and with a regretful, longing look we bid it adieu; but the promises held out by '86 soon cause the bright smile to wreathe our faces and joyous happy words to spring from our lips.

To others the voyage of '85 has been strewn with wrecked hopes—the skies overshadowed with scarcely a ray of sunshine to lift the gloom—and so cheerless is the prospect for the future that we enter the arena of '86—

"Tired of the ceaseless struggle
Of the everlasting strife,
Of the weary wailing and yearning,
The children of men call life."

Others again while meeting with great successes and finding many pleasures and much of happiness along the wayside, have also felt the frowns of the fickle goddess and drunk deeply of the cup of sorrow. Forms whose presence or whose tender missives brightened and cheered one year ago have passed to the other shore and in that brighter clime will, we trust, in the sweet by-and-bye bid us good morning. We mourn their loss. We sadly miss the clasp of baby arms; the prattle of the darling of the household; the tramp of noisy feet of the jolly, romping, free-from-care boy or girl returning from school; the child budding into man or womanhood for whom life wore its rosiest hue; the son who was just assuming life's responsibilities, or the daughter who had become the companion of mother and father, or those of maturer years, the advisors and counselors on whom the aged parents had learned to lean; but more than all we miss that mother love that blessed us one year ago and mournfully realize that —

"None like a mother can drive away pain
From the sick soul and the world weary brain."

And in the bitter agony of our orphanage with uplifted eye and outstretched arms as though we would reach into eternity and enforce our cry, we pleadingly exclaim "Mother come back from the echoless shore,
Take me again to your heart as of yore."

To those who are yet blessed with that best of all earthly treasures, a dear, good, old-fashioned mother, whose pride it is to feel that her infant drew its sustenance from her as she pressed it to her bosom, whose every thought is for her offspring and every act a deed of love, whose teachings have left their indellible impress on her posterity, to such we say, guard that treasure more zealously than you would your own life. Let no word or deed of yours help to place a wrinkle on that precious brow, or cause that heart of hearts to heave a sigh, but above all other aims let your proudest one be to keep the smile upon her face. Think of the time when to nestle by her side gave a feeling of security felt no where else, and later, when to confide to her your troubles was to find the relief you needed in her words of tenderest sympathy and wisest counsel, and with bowed head and in humble, reverential tones thank God for such a mother.

We wonder what '86 will bring to us in its growth to maturity, but at the same time we recognize the wisdom of the adage, "The veil that hides futurity is woven by the hand of mercy," and knowing that the present alone is ours we inscribe on our banners: "Look not mournfully on the past! It comes not back again! Wisely improve the present; it is thine! Go forth to meet the shadowy future without fear and with a manly heart."

ONE of the most progressive interior papers in the State just now is the St. Helena "Star." This paper has fallen into the hands of an ambitious newspaper man of untiring energy and good business qualifications. The Christmas number of the "Star" is one of the neatest and most attractive interior newspapers that has yet reached us. The people of St. Helena and vicinity should feel proud of the "Star," and no doubt they do, for it would really be a credit to a town five times the size of St. Helena. Brother MacKinder may you meet with that success which your drive and energy merits.

SHOULD BE UP AND STIRRING.

The California Fruit Union, through its Sonoma county representative, John Markley, is actively engaged in gleaning all information possible in reference to the fruit interests. After having succeeded in doing this an effort will be made to induce the railroad company to build a railroad from Vallejo Junction to Sonoma and thence to Santa Rosa, which will place us in direct communication with the Eastern markets. In view of this fact it would be well for our vineyardists and orchardists to be up and stirring. It will not cost them a cent and will take very little of their time to help the project along by imparting to Mr. Markley the information he desires. It would be still better if a few shares of the stock were subscribed to. The price of each share ($1) places the stock within the reach of everybody. The following circular, being sent out by the Fruit Union, explains itself:

To the Fruit Growers of Sonoma county: The growing and shipping of fruit, vegetables and grapes East, is destined to be come one of, if not the largest and most important industry in the State of California, but the low and uncertain prices and frequent gluts in the market for the last two or three years, demonstrate the fact that the business of supplying Eastern markets must be reduced to a thorough system, and properly managed by a strong and responsible corporation or person, so as to make the necessary arrangements with the transportation companies to have shipments made in large quantities with system, promptness and low rates. We are confident that a paying market can be found in the country east of the mountains, for every pound of first-class shipping fruits, nuts, grapes, and certain early vegetables raised in our State, if these productions are put in the right place, at the right time, and with reasonable rates of freight.

With the view of co-operating, I respectfully request every producer mentioned in the By-laws of the California Fruit Union, to send me his name, address, number, kind and age of trees and vines. I will tabulate the information thus obtained, and will then be able to show that our productions of Eastern shipping produce will soon pay the transportation company to build a railroad from Napa, or other connection with the Eastern roads, to our principal valleys.

I think that it is to their interest, that all of said producers take some stock in the California Fruit Union, and thereby help it along.

Very respectfully,
JOHN MARKLEY.

One of the Trustees of the California Fruit Union.
Address, Santa Rosa, Sonoma county, California.

SANTA ROSA NEWS.

[Daily Democrat.]

Fifty-two one-hundredths of an inch of rain had fallen up to 12 o'clock Wednesday, since our last report, making the total fall for the season 16.81.

Ex-Supervisor Aker of Bodega, while stopping at the Occidental Hotel, Sunday night, was robbed of $280, between the hours of 8 and 9. Frank T. Carrillo has been arrested and charged with the offense.

Last Saturday afternoon, Charles Johnson, who lives on the old Boyes place, near Pleasant Hill, and on the road between Sebastopol and Windsor, went out to shoot quail. In attempting to fire, his gun snapped. He set it down, and ran the ramrod down one of the barrels to see if there was a load in it. Just then the barrel was discharged, and the load of shot tore out the inside of Mr. Johnson's right hand. No bones were broken, and the injured member is doing well, under the care of a physician.

Etheridge, the Guerneville incendiary, held for trial before Judge Pressley, Monday, pleaded guilty, disregarding the remonstrances of his attorney. On being called, he stood for a moment undecided. Finally, breaking into tears, he said, "I am guilty." He is a consumptive, and says he does not expect to live long, and wants to be punished. He therefore threw himself on the mercy of the Court. He will be sentenced next Monday.

Ex-Deputy Sheriff Connolly had a very narrow escape, a few evenings ago, while driving across a bridge near his home. Just as his horse was about to step on to the bridge, an owl flew from under the planking with a great flapping of wings and its noisy hoot. The horse was badly frightened, and reared upon his hind legs. Mr. Connolly pulled a little too hard on the reins, and the horse, losing his balance, jumped off the bridge, a distance of twenty feet to the bottom of the creek. Mr. Connolly jumped, also, striking the mud and water before the horse. The first thought was to scramble out of the way of the falling horse and vehicle, which he succeeded in doing. His presence of mind was all that saved him from being crushed to death by his horse, as the animal landed in the very same place so quickly vacated by his master.

O! My Head.

The worst case of pneumonia can be cured by outward applications of St. Jacobs Oil and a few doses of Red Star Cough Cure.

A Life Saving Present.

Mr. M. E. Allison, Hutchinson, Kan., saved his life by a simple Trial Bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, which caused him to procure a large bottel, that completely cured him when Doctors, change of climate and everything else had failed. Asthma, Bronchitis, Hoarseness, Severe Coughs, and all Throat and Lung diseases, it is guaranteed to cure. Trial bottle free, large size $1 00.

CLOVERDALE CLIPPINGS.

[Reveille.]

A rockslide on the Ukiah toll road has caused some delay to the stages in making regular time.

Russian river is higher than it has been for the past ten years. No particular damage has been done to bridges in this vicinity.

Ed. J. Livernash, who for the past year has been reading law in San Francisco, returned home on his Christmas recreation last Monday.

Two carloads of telephone poles arrived at this station last week for the Sunset Telephone Co., which proposes extending the line from Healdsburg to this place as soon as the weather permits.

Rainfall to Thursday morning, for the storm, over 4 inches; for the season, 23.73 inches, being more than the entire rainfall for last season. Box drains everywhere are insufficient and torn out by the floods of water.

Mr. Black while crossing Sulphur creek, in company with a friend, came very near losing his life. The recent rains had raised the water to such an extent that the team and vehicle were swept down on the tide with great velocity. The two gentlemen managed to cut the harness, and were saved by being towed to shore by the horses.

Oysters in English Waters.

Here are some of the habits and peculiarities of oysters as they make their way through life in English waters: On their first appearance they are called spat, and are about the size of a pinhead; in a year they are known as brood, and a bushel measure will hold 6,400 of them; in their third year they are called ware, and count 2,400 to the bushel; in four years they are ready for market, and 1,600 will fill the measure.—[Boston Transcript.

Growth of Public Libraries.

The growth of American public libraries since the revolution has been something phenomenal. There were in the country in 1776 but twenty of these institutions, with an aggregate of 45,623 volumes. At the present time there are nearly 4,200, containing more than 13,000,000 volumes.—[Exchange.

A Tiny Locomotive.

A gold dollar is a tiny coin, but a man of ingenuity and fine fingers at Waterbury has just built a railway locomotive so small as to stand upon the dollar's disc.

When Baby was sick, we gave her
CASTORIA,
When she was a Child, she cried for
CASTORIA,
When she became a Miss, she clung to
CASTORIA,
When she had Children, she gave them
CASTORIA

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

UNION HOTEL.

Capt Drummond,	G Ellen	E K Clark,	Glen Ellen
G W Burnett,	S F	P S Hassler,	S F
P Monday,	do	L Ferthet,	do
F Casey,	do	A Sternikel,	do
N P Rose,	do	Prof Smith,	Sonoma
R Eastman & wf	do	A Korner,	do
S Indermuhle,	do	C Indermuhle,	S F
J O Connor,	Healdsburg,	Gen Whallen,	Petaluma
B McDougal,	S F	G Fitzpatrick,	S F
J Ruf,	do	P H Jewett,	Santa Rosa
Capt Strofen & wf,	Emb	R H Rumble,	do
Al Stebbins,	S F	F Ehrlich & wf,	Sonoma
G Girardi,	do	B Lefert,	S F

JONES' HOTEL.

Frank Weise,	S F	E Robinson,	Glen Ellen
T Sarnighausen,	do	M E Clark,	Watrisville
A Weiher,	do	J T Jones,	Sonoma
F Dassler,	do	A Brewster,	do
G H Hotz,	do	T M Dunn, Jr,	do
J Clark,	Bodega	J Raper,	do
P Fahy,	California	A Griffith,	do
T F Cowper,	Forest Hill	E Gillan,	do
Mrs W A Smith & sns,	Napa	J Ahrens,	do
J B Lanigan,	Santa Rosa	M Foster,	do
Maggie Blanken,	Sonoma	T Dunn,	Napa

MARRIED.

WARD-BREITENBACH—In Sonoma, December 27th, by Rev. E. H. King, Chas. Ward and Miss Tilly Breitenbach, both of this place.

BORN.

CORNELIUS—In Sonoma, December 26th, to the wife of Geo. Cornelius, a son.

DIED.

BATES—Near Sonoma, December 26th, Theodore Bates, a native of Missouri, aged 37 years.

NEW TO-DAY.

GROCERIES CHEAP FOR CASH.

On and after the 1st of January, 1886, I will sell

Groceries at the Lowest Figures

On a Strictly Cash Basis.

Green Teas, ₱ lb	40
Young Hyson	45
Pure uncolored Japan	45
Basket Tea, full weight	65
Coffee, best Costa Rica 7½ lbs.	$1 00
Coffee, very best Costa Rica roasted, 5 lbs	1 00
Coffee, Java blended, 4 lbs	1 00
Sugar, Dry Granulated, 11½ lbs	1 00
Sugar, coffee, 16 lbs	1 00
Breakfast Delight or Germea, 4-lb packages	25
Hams, ₱ lb	15
Bacon, light medium, ₱ lb	11½
Bacon, light ₱ lb	13½
Seven bars ammonia bleaching Soap	25
Four bars Babbet's best Soap	25
Three long bars laundry Soap	25

And Everything Else in Proportion

Don't Forget! Everything Strictly Cash!

☞ Everything Guaranteed as represented. ☜

Prices Subject to Changes in the Market

H. WEYL,

ja2 SONOMA. 6m

MISCELLANEOUS.

RED STAR TRADE MARK. COUGH CURE

Absolutely Free from Opiates, Emetics and Poison.

SAFE SURE. PROMPT. 25 Cts.

At Druggists and Dealers. THE CHARLES A. VOGELER CO., BALTIMORE, MD.

ST. JACOBS OIL TRADE MARK

THE GREAT GERMAN REMEDY For Pain

Cures Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Backache, Headache, Toothache, Sprains, Bruises, etc. etc.

PRICE, FIFTY CENTS.

AT DRUGGISTS AND DEALERS.

THE CHARLES A. VOGELER CO., BALTIMORE, MD.

SONOMA LODGE, NO. 28, I. O. O. F.—Officers and Members: You are requested to attend a regular meeting, to be held on **Saturday Evening, January 2, 1886**, at 7 o'clock. Installation. Visiting brothers cordially invited.

JOHN H. MILLER, N. G.
M. F. TURLEY, Rec. Sec. d26 2t

Farm and Stock FOR SALE!

The undersigned offers for sale at a sacrifice his Farm and Stock, consisting of Two Brood Mares (one in foal), two Colts, two Durham Cows (one giving milk), and forty Brown Leghorn Hens.

—ALSO—

FOR SALE OR RENT

160 Acres of Land,

Four thousand Vines two years old, Orchard of 160 assorted Fruit Trees. 100 Mulberry Trees, nice Garden containing Blackberries, Raspberries, Gooseberries, Currants, etc., 4 Bee-Hives. About 20 acres fenced. On the place are several

Never-Failing Springs,

New Barn, House of three rooms, Agricultural Implements and Household Furniture. The whole will be

Sold for $1,600.

An industrious man can make a good living by getting out cordwood or making charcoal.

For further particulars address

JOHN TURLEY,
Glen Ellen.

The Farmers' NEW STORE

GLEN ELLEN.

Having permanently located in the village of Glen Ellen, I beg to call the attention of the public to my

New Stock

—OF—

GENERAL MERCHANDIES

Which has been Carefully Selected, and is of the

VERY BEST QUALITY,

And which I will sell at the

Very Lowest Price.

My Stock Consists of all varieties of Farmers Goods:

AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS
HARDWARE,
WOOLEN GOODS,
CALICOES,
WOSTARDS,
GINGHAMS,
RED & BLUE FLANNELS,
LADIES & MISSES' SHOES,
LADIES' GLOVES,
BOOTS & SHOES,
UNDERWEAR,
CLOTHING,

Underwear and Hats & Caps

And a Full Stock of

Mens' Suits,

From $10 Upward.

☞ All Goods Guaranteed. ☜

I will also Pay Cash for all kinds of Country Produce. Checks on the Santa Rosa, Sonoma and San Francisco Banks, with proper endorsement, will be cashed at my store.

Come and Examine my Stock.

I shall continue to increase my stock daily until the entire community can be supplied with every want.

I Have only One price and that is the

Lowest Possible Price

C. O. Borman,

GLEN ELLEN.

MISCELLANEOUS. | MISCELLANEOUS.

SCHOCKEN'S!

Big Reduction!

—IN—

GENTS & YOUTHS' CLOTHING!

Now is the Time to Buy.

Goods Marked Down

—AT—

ASTONISHINGLY LOW PRICES.

GIVE ME A CALL.

S. SCHOCKEN,

NORTH SIDE OF PLAZA, SONOMA.

JUST ARRIVED.

Holiday goods!

Novelties in Picture and Photograph Albums.

Handsomely Decorated China Ware,

Elegant Fans,

JEWELRY IN NEW STYLES, VERY PRETTY

Ladies' Toilet Sets,

TOYS, BOOKS, Etc., Etc.

Why go Abroad to Make Your Purchases when you can do as well at

F. CLEWE'S.

MISCELLANEOUS.

F. A. PAULI,

PROPRIETOR

CENTRAL MARKET

Napa St., South side Plaza, Sonoma.

FRESH VEGETABLES, LIMES, LEMons, Tropical Fruits in season, Fresh Sausages, Preserved and Pickled Fish and Meats, California and Foreign Cheese, Delicacies, etc.

Fresh Meats of all Kinds

Constantly on hand.

GLEN ELLEN

COOPER SHOP.

FRED FRANCK, Proprietor.

HAVING OPENED A NEW COOPER hop in Glen Ellen I am prepared to manufacture

BARRELS, PIPES, TANKS, Etc

All Work Warranted.

Give Me a Call.

Dissolution of Co-Partnership.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the co-partnership heretofore existing under the name and firm of Pauli & Levy, butchers and produce dealers, doing business in the town of Sonoma, Sonoma county, State of California, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent, M. Levy retiring. The business will henceforth be conducted by F. A. Pauli, who will assume all indebtedness of the firm and collect all outstanding accounts.

F. A. PAULI.
M. LEVY.

Sonoma, December 5, 1885.

The bills due the late firm of Pauli & Levy have been put into the hands of G. W. Sparks for collection.

de12 4t F. A. PAULI.

NEW Meat Market

—AT—

GLEN ELLEN.

I take this means of informing the people of Glen Ellen and vicinity that I shall open a first-class Meat Market, Fruit and Vegetable Stand in Glen Ellen, on Tuesday. November 11th. Fresh fish every Thursday. All orders delivered free of charge. Hoping to merit a share of the public patronage, I am, yours respectfully,

oc7 tf J. W. GIBSON.

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SONOMA INDEX-TRIBUNE JOB PRINTING OFFICE.

Having added the latest styles of type to our office we are prepared to do

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—IN THE—

Latest Style

AT THE

LOWEST RATES.

GIVE US A CALL

When you need anything in the line of

Letter Heads,
Note Heads,
Cards,
Circulars,
Programmes,
Invitations,
Posters,
Dodgers,

Wine Labels

Hunting Notices,
Tags,
Horse Bills,
Etc. Etc.

SONOMA INDEX - TRIBUNE.

SONOMA, JANUARY 2, 1886.

CITY OFFICIAL PAPER.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Basch's cigars take the bakrey.*

Hunting notices printed at this office.

When you want a cigar ask for Basch's. *

The best of accommodations at the Union Hotel. *

If you have poultry you wish to sell go to Christie's. *

White, rye and brown bread are specialities at the Union Bakery. *

Delicious cakes, mince pies, nuts and candies at Geo. Golden's. *

Call and see our cakes, pies, nuts and candies at the Union Bakery. *

New Year's Cards printed at this office. Latest and neatest designs.

For Sale! Resistant rooted cuttings—Elvira and Lenoir.

O. R. RUFUS.

The City Trustees meet next Wednesday in regular session.

The weather has been bright and pleasant the past week.

The Board of Supervisors meet in Santa Rosa next Monday.

If you wish to purchase eggs, cheap for cash, go to Christie's Egg Depot. *

Just received at A. F. Pauli & Co's., a large invoice of cream biscuits. +

Call at the Union Hotel and get one dozen bottles Fredericksburg Salvator Beer for $2 25. +

Services have been held in the Methodist church every evening the past week by Rev. E. H. King.

The Union Hotel is doing a rushing business. Don't forget that this hotel is becoming more popular every day. *

E. J. Mullin was serenaded by the Sonoma Brass Band last Tuesday evening, the occassion being his birthday.

If you have eggs for sale, take them to Christie's Egg Depot. He pays the highest market price for them—cash, down. *

Christie has always on hand the finest of Spring chickens for the table, which he will dispose of at reasonable prices. *

Peter Malone, who has been residing in the city for the past 14 months, has again taken up his residence on his farm a few miles from Sonoma.

The Union Hotel is becoming quite a resort for city visitors to Sonoma. The fame of this hotel is becoming well known to travelers and pleasure seekers. *

Rev. E. H. King will preach in the Methodist Episcopal church on Sunday (to-morrow) at 11 A. M. and 7 P. M. Sabbath School at 10 A. M. All are cordially invited.

Owing to a blunder of the State Board of Education the County Board did not issue the teachers' certificates on Monday last. They will be issued, however, to-day.

A slight shock of an earthquake occurred here at ten minutes to ten o'clock on Wednesday morning last. The vibrations were from East to West and lasted but a few seconds.

The invitation committee of Santa Rosa Division, No. 18, Uniform Rank, K. of P., will please accept our thanks for complimentary tickets to their grand carnival which was held in that city Thursday evening.

Read the price list of groceries advertised in these columns this week by H. Weyl. He is offering sugars, teas, coffees, bacon, hams, soaps and all other kinds of groceries at a lower figure for cash than ever before known in Sonoma. *

The beautiful mansion of Mrs. Robt. Johnson, in course of construction on the Buena Vista ranch, which, when completed, will be by far the costliest and most magnificent private residence north of San Francisco, will be ready for occupancy in April or May.

The compliments of the season—colds, coughs, catarrahs—may be effectively dealt with by taking Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. To neglect prompt treatment for these ailments is to risk consumption, which is said to cause one-sixth of the mortality of all civilized countries.

The calendar for 1886 issued by J. Gundlach & Co., proprietors of Rhine Farm near this place, and dealers in California wines and brandies, is really a work of art, and by far the handsomest and most costly calendar that has ever been issued by a business firm in this State.

Immediately after the services in the Methodist church, last Sunday morning, Mr. Chas. Ward and Miss Tilly Breitenbach were joined in the holy bonds of wedlock by the pastor, Rev. E. H. King. A large number of friends and acquaintances of the bride and groom were present to witness the ceremony, which was very impressive. The fair young bride looked charming in her bridal robes of white nuns veiling trimmed with a profusion of lace and satin. A white illusion veil half concealed her modest features and a wreath of orange blossoms completed a very tasteful costume. Miss Belle Neil acted as bridesmaid and Mr. Louis Breitenbach as groomsman. The bride is the daughter of Judge Breitenbach, one of Sonoma's oldest and most respected citizens, and was born and raised in this town. The groom is a young gentleman well and favorably known in this county.

NOVELTY SOCIAL CLUB PARTY.

A Success in Every Particular---A Brilliant Assemblage.

The principal theme of conversation among our society people for the past month—the Invitation Party of the Novelty Social Club—has come and passed. On New Year's Eve there congregated in Union Hall one of the most stylish and sociable gatherings that has come together in Sonoma for some time. The costumes of the ladies were elaborate, rich and attractive and they were shown off to advantage in the brilliantly-lighted hall. The supper, furnished by Henry Raschen, that prince of landlords, was all that could be desired and the same can be said of the music. The following ladies and gentlemen were present:

Mesdames Ludington, A. Caldwell, J. McCoy, W. Green, G. W. Hooper, F. Ehrlich, H. H. Granice, A. F. Pauli, J. H. Wicker, P. N. Stofen, H. Raschen, J. P. Weems, S. Woodworth, E. J. Mullin. The Misses E. Pauli, A. Pemberton, A. Raschen, E. Raschen, G. Aguillon, L. Aguillon, B. Aguillon, A. Church, O. Copeland, M. Caldwell, D. Droffel, A. Ehrlich, H. Ehrlich, C. Green, K. Green, M. Goodman, E. Gillan, E. Hope, N. Hope, G. Johnson, C. Graham, M. Corbaley, M. Woodward, M. Donahue, J. Tobin, M. Seipp, M. Rufus, E. Peterson. Messrs. A. F. Pauli, F. Patton, W. Printegrof, Otto Rufus, Henry Raschen, E. Ringstrom, H. H. Granice, P. N. Stofen, W. Seipp, M. F. Turley, J. J. Wystyrk, J. P. Weems, J. H. Wilson, S. Woodworth, J. H. Albertson, J. Burris, G. Batchelder, L. Breitenbach, T. Basso, F. L. Clark, F. R. Corbaley, A. Caldwell, C. Dressel, F. Duhring, E. Gillan, R. P. Hill, G. W. Hooper, E. Young, L. Johnson, J. J. King, A. Landsborough, Prof. Meyer, A. Cettl, E. Ehrlich, Coghill, H. Ahern, W. S. Teller, T. Ellis, L. Green, W. Green, T. Glynn, E. Ewell, F. Ewell, O. Ehrlich, F. Ehrlich, C. Donahue, J. Douglas, R. Douglas, C. Douglas, Dr. H. H. Davis, E. J. Mullin.

Masonic.

The following officers of Temple Lodge, No. 14, were installed on Monday afternoon last by Past Master, R. A. Poppe: Jesse Burris, Master; P. L. McGill, Senior Warden; P. H. Thompson, Junior Warden; R. D. Moore, Treasurer; R. A. Poppe, Secretary; M. P. Akers, Marshal; F. L. Clark, Senior Deacon; G. S. Harris, Junior Deacon; L. Litzius, H. Weyl, Stewards; D. Callaway, Tyler. After the installation the members repaired to the residence of the retiring Master, R. A. Poppe, where they found an elegant lunch awaiting them, to which they did ample justice. Mr. Poppe was then presented with a beautiful and costly Past Master's jewel by the brethren of the Lodge. Mr. Henderson, in presenting the jewel, spoke as follows:

"Worshipful Sir and Brother: In all ages it has been customary to reward the faithful and skillful performers of extraordinary duties with some token of the appreciation of those who have been benefited thereby. In conformity with this commendable custom the brothers of Temple Lodge, No. 14, desire to signify their high appreciation of the manner in which you have performed your duties as Master of this lodge during the past masonic year. Since your induction into the Oriental Chair of King Solomon you have been intelligent, faithful, zealous and able in your efforts to promote the objects of our beloved order. Actuated by a realization of this fact and as a special mark of their esteem they have deputed me to tender to you on this occasion this Past Master's Jewel. In handing it to you I may take occasion to recall your attention to the deep significance of its parts, and to express to you the confidential hope and expectation of the brothers of Temple Lodge that you will never forget the sacred obligations which the wearer of such a jewel has voluntarily taken upon himself; that you, not only will on all occasions circumscribe your conduct by those stern rules of virtue which are so especially inculcated by Free Masons, but that you will in imitation of that great luminary of nature, which, rising in the east, regularly diffuses light to all within the circle, communicate and spread the light of truth and morality wherever and whenever duty may prompt or opportunity suggest it."

Mr. Poppe feelingly responded, thanking the brothers for the beautiful jewel and the kind words which accompanied it.

PERSONAL.

Capt. Thomas F. O'M. Bains, the Irish patriot and author, dropped in to see us one day this week.

Mrs. R. G. Steele of the "San Joaquin Valley Argus," paid Sonoma a two days' visit this week.

Fred Duhring, Jr., after spending the holidays with his parents and friends, returns to his studies at the State University, Berkeley, to-morrow.

Mr. Robt. Johnson came up from San Francisco last Tuesday and spent the Christmas holidays at his beautiful Buena Vista home. He returned to the city Sunday.

Hon. Robt. Howe and family, after a two weeks sojourn with relatives and friends in Santa Cruz and San Francisco, returned to Elen Dale last Saturday.

TRUE GENEROSITY.

How a Kind Lady Made the Hearts Many Children Glad.

When a millionaire gives from his boundless wealth to help some worthy cause or charitable object, the word is caught up and telegraphed over the whole country, and, with a flourish of head lines and extended eulogistical editorials the announcement is made in our papers. It has cost him no sacrifice and no exertion, but because he is a prominent character his praises must be sung; or, if the man of wealth provides by his will that a portion of his accumulations shall be devoted to some deserving purpose after it can no longer be of service to him, the world cries out, "What a noble man." It is well perhaps that these things should be brought to favorable notice, but hero worship is not necessary.

While remembering these, however, why should the kindly acts that are being constantly performed by noble, generous, free-hearted men and women at a cost of personal labor and sacrifice be slightingly passed by.

During our Xmas holidays there has been performed one of these latter acts right in our own midst, and yet but few, except those immediately interested, knew aught of it.

The thoughtful kind-hearted wife of the genial proprietor of the Agua Caliente Springs Hotel, instead of accepting the generous Xmas present tendered her by her husband, decided to make many hearts happy on that day. She accordingly invited each of the children of the Flowery school to her house on the afternoon of December 24th, where an elegant dinner had been prepared. The tables, at which were seated about 40 persons, were burdened with all the belongings of an elaborate Xmas dinner, and Mrs. C. must indeed have felt happy as she gazed upon the merry throng gathered there. After full justice had been done the repast and the children had for a time enjoyed themselves with various sports the Xmas tree in the library was lighted up, and the eyes of the little ones fairly snapped as they beheld it. The gifts were distributed and the pleased expressions of the recipients, each child belonging to the school, some 30 in number, having been provided for, brought joy to the giver and the guests present. Determined that nothing should prevent the little ones from being there, the kind lady, in extending the invitations, had made the announcement that they must not be deterred by the weather, as she was fully prepared to keep them over night. The night proving stormy a large portion of those present accepted of Mrs. C's hospitality, and after enjoying a hearty breakfast the next morning started for their homes feeling that Xmas had indeed been made merry for them, and we doubt whether the generous lady ever fully realized before what it was to have a real merry Xmas herself.

To those who have it in their power we would say, in the future go thou and do likewise and thus learn that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

Grape Trimmings.

[Fresno Republican.]

What can be more expensive and slow than to have a gang of Chinamen following the trimmers in the vineyard and gathering the brush by hand? It is only the careless vineyardist that would now employ such labor, most every one having at least in some way improved upon the old method. We have seen two contrivances which commend themselves. One is composed of a sleigh, rake and sulky. The driver rides in a sulky seat, and the brush gathered up by a rake behind and dumped at intervals in the avenues, there to be burned and the ashes distributed over the field. Another method is to have a simple wooden sled drawn by a horse. Two men with pitchforks go along, one on each side, gather up the brush and throw it on the sled, which when filled may be emptied anywhere. This outfit will do what ten Chinese gatherers used to do.

Death of a Well Known Citizen.

Theodore Bates, for many years a resident of this valley, died at his home, near Sonoma, on Saturday morning last. Deceased was a kind and genial gentleman, a true friend, a kind father and a devoted husband. He was a victim to that fell destroyer, consumption, and his death was not unexpected. Deceased was a native of Missouri, 37 years of age, and leaves a widow, three children, an aged father and a host of friends to mourn his untimely taking off.

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THE FATAL FORD.

Full Particulars of the Drowning of the Late Edward Fitton.

[Santa Rosa Democrat.]

The following particulars of the drowning of the late Edward Fitton, of which notice was made in our last issue, were elicited before the Coroner's jury, held by County Coroner King on Christmas day, and other particulars were gathered from Mr. Mason, who was with Mr. Fitton, and Mr. R. Appleby, who accompanied the parties to the fatal ford. Mr. Fitton and George Mason left Santa Rosa shortly before 7 P. M. Christmas eve. The night was intensely dark. As they drove along, Fitton asked Mason if he could see the fence on the left. Mason replied that he could not. Fitton then said he could see the water in the rut and supposed they were all right. On nearing the point where the road to the adobe ford diverges, it was so dark they could not see where to turn out. Mason proposed to go up to Appleby's and get a lantern. Fitton at first said it would do no good, but afterwards concluded to go. Appleby came down with a lantern to the edge of the water. Mason says they could see nothing, even with the light. After entering the water, Mason became alarmed, and said, "Fitton, turn round and get out.', Fitton replied, "It's all right, Mason; I can make it." These were his last words. At that minute the current took the horse from his feet, and he swung down stream. The force of the water came full against the back of, and underneath the cart, and tilted it up. Both men pitched headlong into the seething torrent, falling, Mason says, between the shafts. It was what is known as a breaking cart, with a considerable distance between the horse and the singletree. In all probability, Fitton was stunned by the fall, as he was a good swimmer, and otherwise would have gotten out. Mason, who could not swim, was rolled over and over, most of the time under water, catching at the trees as he passed them. He finally caught one, held his grip, and pulled himself above the water, where he remained until rescued. Appleby says he only saw a gleam of Fitton's white rubber overcoat after he fell from the cart. He then ran below the ford with the light, heard a cry of distress, probably from Mason; then all was still, save the roar of the torrent, and nothing could be seen but the flash of the water as it surged over the rocks, like a snarling monster, tenacious of its prey. He ran for assistance, met Charley Tupper, and asked him to give the alarm, and sent also a man named Mendoza for the same purpose. Mason was soon rescued; but nothing was heard of Mr. Fitton until 1 A. M., when his body was found by seeing his white rubber overcoat, which floated to the surface. The body had lodged against a tree; the arms were extended; and the hands were tossed by the current, as if appealing in death for that aid which came to late to save.

Santa Rosa creek, or its feeder, the Alamos, drains the high and broken range east of the valley. After a heavy rain, the collected waters come down to the plain like a tidal wave. Mr. Fitton and his companion reached the ford just before such a rush of water had reached its maximum force. He had crossed the same ford that afternoon and knew it well, but he was a courageous man and drove to his end with a will power that no ordinary obstacles would restrain, but he certainly would not have ventured that night to cross but for the darkness which veiled the fury of the flood. Mason says both he and Fitton fell between the shafts. It is more than probable, however, that he fell clear of the cart and Fitton fell as he describes, and was stunned by a blow as the cart passed over him. When the horse swung down stream Mason was on the side of deep water, and the cart in all probability tilted that way, throwing him outside and Fitton between the shafts. The horse came safely ashore with the cart and was found half a mile below the ford. This sad occurrence cast a gloom over the entire city, as Mr. Fitton was well-known and highly esteemed.

The funeral of the late Edward Fitton took place Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock, at the Episcopal church. The following gentlemen officiated as pall-bearers: I. DeTurk, James Shaw, E. P. Colgan, E. A. Seegelken, J. M. Roney and F. G. Nagle. The church was crowded with the friends of the deceased and his bereaved family. After the short but beautiful burial service of the Episcopal church, the remains were taken to the Santa Rosa Cemetery, where they were left in their last resting place.

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FISH THAT TAKE BALLAST.

How the Cod Saves Himself—A Weather Sign—Hooks and Lines.

That a fish should ever do anything so unfishlike as to take in ballast would strike many people as paradoxical. Yet those who have gone to sea in ships and are learned in fin-bearers' lore testify to the reality of this phenomenon. The cod is the fish which lays himself open to this cruel charge, and is known to actually gulp down stones almost as large as a foot ball and more than one of them, too. Why it does so a reporter learned from a veteran codfisherman recently.

"Why, yes," said he, "of course codfish take in ballast. Why, I've found eight or ten stones inside the fish's maw after we've caught him. The cod takes in stone in order to keep himself at the bottom during a gale. When you are cod-fishing you can always tell if there is to be a gale, or whether a gale has just passed that way. Then you get in a regular quarry. A good gale of course carries the cod up to the surface, where he has a hard time of it. You see there is a sort of bladder which forms in his jaw and runs out sometimes as far as a foot or so. This bladder fills with air and floats the fish, and keeps him from going down. So in order to prevent that he picks out sound stones on the sea bottoms and swallows them. Sea elephants do the same thing, and often huge stones are found in their stomachs."

"How is the cod caught?" the reporter asked.

"They are caught on 'trollers.' There is a long line, a 'runner,' fishermen call it, and at every fourteen or eighteen feet a short line five or six feet long is fastened. I used to have on my runners as many as 300 hooks baited. The line would be baited on board ship, and the whole 'snood' would be coiled up into a tup tapering toward the bottom so as to give the line play. The coiling is very important, and you must take great care with it so as not to snarl the lines. For bait, dogfish, whitefish and such like in chunks bigger than your hand are hooked on. The boats put off with the tup in the bow, and when we'd get to a good spot the man in the bow passes the line all baited to the stern man, who throws it overboard as fast as it is paid out. It used to go out pretty fast sometimes when the tide was running strong, and many a fellow has got his fingers ripped open on the hooks. The whole line would then be anchored, and we'd wait until slack water came, which would be in five or six hours, and then haul in.

"That used to be hard work. The fish would run small and large, and we would hook on skates and dogfish and whitefish and others besides the cod. Once when we were pulling up anchor we hauled in a big stone which weighed 300 pounds and was full of scallops and mussels and long and round clams.

"When we got the catch back to the smack we'd dress the fish and stow them away in fine ice. We used to work day and night sometimes, and once, off Cape Sable, I slept only nine hours in five days and nights. A shipload which averaged sixty pounds to the fish used to be considered a good one. Sometimes the average would run as high as 100 pounds. The cod runs all the way from fifteen to 200 and 300 pounds in weight. I once caught one which weighed over 300 pounds."—[New Haven News.

How the Czar Travels.

I was allowed to visit the imperial train after the emperors had reached Kremsier, and it was really worth a visit, for such a magnificent train was probably never formed before. It contained bed-rooms, bath-rooms, and dining-rooms, besides saloons and boudoirs, and all these were furnished with wonderful luxury. The room of the two young princes—for it was a regular room—was upholstered in violet leather of a new and lovely shade. Everywhere were easy chairs and the softest of sofas. In the emperor's private saloon was an ikon with a lamp burning before it, and on the table lay the newspapers which his majesty had been reading.

There was not a Russian paper among them. They were The Kreuz Zeitung, of Berlin, four Danish papers, and The Paris Figaro. In all the saloons, both of the emperor and his suite, there were card tables, and the suite had evidently been playing hard, judging by the packs of cards strewn about. All the stations through which the czar passed on his way from the frontier were closed to the public. The station at Kremsier has a placard on the door with the words: "Closed during alterations."—[Cor. New York Herald.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 2, 1886.

She Became a Mormon.

[N. Y. Sun.]

"I don't say as I approve of Mormonism," observed the old man as he chewed away at a fresh quid; 'but I owe one o' them 'ere Mormon elders a debt of gratitude I kin never pay.'

'How's that?' asked one of the group.

'Waal, I don't mind tellin, ye the sarcumstance to while away the time. 'Long 'bout twenty years ago, when I had some shape to me, a widder up in the Chenango Valley got struck on me. I was smashed on her. It was a sort of a mutual fire insurance company. Two hours after I first sot eyes on her she squoze my hand. I responded by hugging her waist. She called me her deary, I called her my dovey. Dang my buttons, if we wasn't engaged in less'n five hours?'

'Was she nice?'

'Um! She was an angel! For about four weeks I was the happiest man in York State. It seemed as if I trod on air half the time. Bimeby a dark shadder got up and humped itself across my azure sky.'

'What was it?'

'Why, I diskivered that the widder had her faults. She had a temper like an old meat axe; she smoked a pipe; she walked in her sleep; she believed in dreams. We had a little tiff, same as all lovers, and she picked up an old scythe and run me half a mile. Then I began to claw off.'

'Wanted to break, eh!'

'The wust way. She begged my pardon, and called me deary and dovey, and allowed that I was the noblest Roman on earth, but I insisted that the silver cord was busted. Then she sued me for breach o' promise—damages, $10,000.'

'That was tough.'

'Yes, I sweat over it like a yoke o' cattle drawin' in hay. The day the suit was to be called I driv down to the depot to take the train for the county seat, and I found her there. She come right up an' shook hands as if nothin' had happened, and when we went into the cars she says, says she:'

'John Henry, 'tain't your money I'm after, but it's you I want.'

'But you can't have me, Lucy Ann,' I answers.

'Mebbe not, but you had no right to promise me.'

'Waal, purty soon I looked down the car and I spies a Mormon elder. I knowed he was, 'cause I'd seen him in Attica. He was a missionary, sent out to gather in the harvest. The harvest had been mighty slim, and he looked as glum as a grasshopper left behind the drove. I goos over to him and softly says:'

'Elder, what of the cause?'

'"Tis a glorious one,' he answers.

'And the converts?'

'Rayther skeerce.'

'Say, Elder, do you want to make a hundred dollars and a fust-class convert at the same time?' I axed him.

'If it ar' the Lord's will,' he solemnly answers.

'Waal, I sent him over to talk to Lucy Ann, and in fifteen minutes she whistles to me. I goes over, and they was squeezing hands and lookin' evetlastin' bliss into each other's orbs.

'John Henry,' says she, "a widder woman may want money, but she wants a second husband wuss. Let's dicker.'

'How much to squelch the suit, Lucy?'

'Gimme two hundred?' In twenty minutes I had it all fixed, and in three days she headed west with the elder.'

'Ever hear of her afterward?'

'Slightly. About a year after I met the elder over in the Mohawk valley.' He wouldn't speak to me.

'Whence this disdain?' says I, as I driv him into a fence corner.

'Alas!' sighs he, 'but you were too good. She broke my jaw, busted my harem, and kicked so much of the stuffin' out of Brigham Young's Bible that we can't find 'nuff Scriptur' to hold a prayer meetin' on. Go away, designin' villain—go 'way.'

'And I went.'

A colored man, who was hunting a house to move into, was asked if he had paid his rent to his former landlord. 'Yes, sah,' he said, rather hesitatingly. 'Can't you get a recommendation?' 'Oh, yes, sah; I can get Mr. Smith, my landlord, to give me a recommendation.' 'How do you know you can?' 'Oh, I know I can, 'cause he wants me to get out.'

'Do you know old Wiggins of our town? That's he sitting across the aisle there.' 'Very stingy, isn't he?' 'Stingy is no name for it. He keeps a coffin with a false bottom, and whenever he buries a wife the coffin is pulled out and saved for the next one. In that way he has made one coffin do for four wives, and it is a good coffin yet.'

A Congressman and His Salary.

'One of the saddest sights I have ever seen in Congress,' says a Washington correspondent, 'was the swearing in of Congressman Rankin of Wisconsin. His doctors told him at his home, a week ago, that he could not live but a few days at the most. He had Bright's disease, and they told him a trip on the cars might kill him long before he got to Washington. Nevertheless he came. As he appeared in the House he was as pale as a dead man. His sallow face had not a particle of color and his eyes were dull. He is a tall man with a big head and a short rough beard of a light brown. He tottered as he walked down the aisle to be sworn, and at the Speaker's desk he had to lean upon a desk and a table for support. He raised his right arm high at first, but his strength failed him before the reading of the oath was through, and at the time the last words were spoken, it had descended nearly to his waist. His cane had at this time, bent like a bow under his weight, and as he tottered back to his seat on the arm of General Bragg of Wisconsin, the sight was pitiful. He is now a member of the Forty-ninth Congress. I imagine his great desire to be sworn in arose from the fact that it is the custom when a member dies to vote the remainder of his salary for the time he is serving to his family. By this action, in case the prophecies of the doctors come true, his family will get $10,000. They might have been voted it, had he not been sworn in. It is to assure them this support that he has undergone the severe trial to-day.'

A Vineyard Truck.

[Fresno Republican.]

Every vineyardist knows how expensive and difficult it is to haul the grapes out of the vineyard. The eight-foot roads between the rows are too narrow to admit of regular wagons being used. The old style is to carry the boxes to the roads, and there load them on regular wagons. As the roads become more distant from the work the labor increases and becomes more expensive. We have seen vineyards where from want of roads it cost just as much to carry the boxes to the nearest road as it did to pick the grapes. It took the same number of Chinamen to perform either job. We have seen a vineyard truck lately invented by J. T. Goodman that does away with the carrying of the boxes and the necessity of having many roads in the vineyards. It consists of a low bed with two wheels behind and and one in front, the latter is movable and so arranged that the truck can be turned within the narrowest limits. It is only four feet wide and large enough to hold 25 boxes. It is low enough so that one man can load, instead of requiring two as in the old way. A great saving of time and labor is accomplished by this contrivance.

HEALDSBURG HAPPENINGS.

[Enterprise.]

One of our young gentlemen was married to a San Francisco lady last July but the fact was not generally known. We are almost afraid to publish his name, as fainting and tearing out of hair would be immediately resorted to.

Last Tuesday evening M. Rockefeller was taken, while on the street, with an acute attack of rheumatism of the heart. He procured a conveyance, and was taken to his residence, where he was prostrated for a few days, but he is now convalescent.

Some very hungry person or persons visited the residence of Mrs. McManus one day last week and entered the kitchen while she was absent, and appropriated the lunch that was ready to be served. It is supposed to have been a tramp, as they are very numerous and decidedly presumptuous.

The trial of Ah Sing for violating the opium ordinance has been in progress during the week in Justice Emerson's Court, City Attorney Swan prosecuting and J. Edward Deakin defending. The jury returned a verdict of guilty, and a sentence of $36 fine or 18 days in jail was imposed. The defence will probably appeal to the Superior Court.

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